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GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

*Winter  
Commencement Exercises  
of the Thirty-Fifth  
Academic Year*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2007

11 A.M.





# GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

## Celebrating Excellence in Education

Governors State University was officially signed into law by Governor Richard B. Ogilvie on July 17, 1969. Its mandate? To change the face of higher education.

Even as the foundations for the campus buildings were being poured, GSU's founding administrators and faculty were designing a dynamic educational structure - one that would provide access to the very best education. They shaped a new kind of institution, a university built not for the present, but for the future they hoped to see.

Born amid the turbulent climate of the 1960s, Governors State committed itself to an ideal almost taken for granted today - the belief that education was not for the few, but for the capable. It embraced the idea that an outstanding education could be affordable, should be affordable, and would be affordable.

More important, the university insisted on creating opportunity for students who didn't fit the traditional mold. They created a one-of-a-kind learning environment centered on the needs of working adults. The emphasis was on inclusion and access, diversity and innovation.

GSU has remained true to that early, guiding vision. The university has kept its tuition low, one of the lowest in the state. But it has never sacrificed quality. The university's accreditation successes have been remarkable, reflecting the work of a superior faculty and leading to programs of the highest caliber. Governors State University is today everything it was meant to be - the educational choice for a powerfully diverse, professional, and non-traditional student body.

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Rod Blagojevich, Governor

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## *Honorary Degree Candidate*

### **Dr. Margaret Burroughs**

Measuring the impact and importance of Dr. Margaret Burroughs' influence on our society, culture, and history only requires a review of her many accomplishments and far-reaching influence.

The quest for an education directed Dr. Burroughs' parents to move the family from their home in Louisiana to Chicago where she worked hard to fulfill her parents' dream and her own. She graduated from Englewood High School, Chicago Teacher's College (renamed Chicago State University), and the Art Institute of Chicago. Education remained a primary focus of Dr. Burroughs through years of teaching art at both the elementary school level and at DuSable High School.

The desire to educate, enlighten, and inform did not remain confined within the walls of Dr. Burroughs' classroom. More than 60 years ago, when she was only 22, Dr. Burroughs helped found the South Side Community Arts Center, which offers gallery space, studios, and workshops to community artists and students. She continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the Center.

In 1961, she and her husband, Charles Burroughs, founded the Ebony Museum of African American History on the first floor of their Chicago home. The museum was dedicated to the posterity and preservation of African American history and art. It has since been relocated to Washington Park and renamed the DuSable Museum of African American History. It is an internationally recognized resource with education programs, visiting exhibits, and a permanent collection of more than 13,000 artifacts, artworks, and books.

In addition to the Center and the museum, Dr. Burroughs' creativity and commitment to the arts is illustrated by her stories, poetry, and artwork. Her published works include three children's books and two books of poetry. Dr. Burroughs has worked in sculpture, painting, and printmaking. Her work has been featured in exclusive shows at the Corcoran Art Galleries in Washington, D.C., the DuSable Museum in Chicago, and the Studio Museum in New York City.

Dr. Burroughs has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades honoring her as both an artist and a humanitarian. In 1975, she received the President's Humanitarian Award. She was named one of Chicago's Most Influential Women by the *Chicago Defender* in 1977 and February 1, 1986 was designated "Dr. Margaret Burroughs' Day" in Chicago by Mayor Harold Washington.

Today, Governors State University proudly bestows the honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, on Dr. Margaret Burroughs for her creative, inspired, and continual commitment to the arts and humanity and to the improvement of the condition of life for all people.

## *Order of Exercises*

Saturday, February 17, 2007, 11 a.m.  
College of Arts and Sciences  
College of Business and Public Administration  
College of Education  
College of Health Professions  
University College

Dr. Stuart I. Fagan  
*President of the University*  
*Presiding*

PRELUDE.....	Encore Concert Band Bill Schuetter, <i>Conductor</i>	
PROCESSIONAL .....	Dr. Gary Lyon, <i>Grand Marshal</i> “Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1” by Edward Elgar Encore Concert Band	
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS .....	Dr. Stuart I. Fagan, <i>President</i>	
GREETINGS FROM THE GSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES .....	Lorine Samuels, <i>Trustee</i>	
PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT .....	Dr. Paul R. Keys, <i>Provost</i> Conferring of Honorary Degree .....	Dr. Stuart I. Fagan
Honorary Recipient, Doctor of Humane Letters .....	Dr. Margaret T. Burroughs	
Commencement Address .....	Dr. Margaret T. Burroughs	
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES .....	Dr. Paul R. Keys	
College of Arts and Sciences .....	Dean Eric Martin	
College of Business and Public Administration .....	Dean William Nowlin	
College of Education .....	Dean Steven Russell	
College of Health Professions .....	Dean Linda Samson	
University College.....	Dean John Stoll	
CONFERRING OF DEGREES .....	Dr. Stuart I. Fagan	
INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER .....	Dean Eric Martin	
STUDENT ADDRESS .....	Maria M. Barksdale	
INDUCTION INTO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION .....	Gerald F. McIlvain, <i>President</i> Governors State University Alumni Association	
CLOSING REMARKS .....	Dr. Stuart I. Fagan	
RECESSIONAL .....	Dr. Gary Lyon “Crown Imperial” by William Walton, arranged by Jay Bocook Encore Concert Band	

Ms. Susan Bova, *Sign Language Interpreter*  
The audience is requested to rise and remain standing during the Processional and Recessional.

## College of Arts and Sciences

### Bachelor of Arts

- Aaron Andrew
- Sean M. Audy
- Jacqueline M. Becker
- Farha Behlim
- John Bottalico
- Crystal R. Braboy
- Curt M. Cepican
- \*\* Janelle Lynn Croswell
- Philip Davis
- \* Matthew D. Dominiak
- Andrea D. Erving
- Trasa B. Feret
- Karen Therese Flories
- Thomas E. Gavin, IV
- \*\* Geoffrey M. Gross
- Jennifer E. Gunther
- Denise Guzman
- \*\* Michelle L. Harrison
- Mary F. Hensle
- \* Elizabeth Hernandez
- \* Laura N. Host
- Valerie K. Howard
- Infini Patrice Jemison-Ewing
- \* Amy E. Kearnes
- Raynelle C. Kizzee
- \*\* Christina L. Kollereb
- \* Tracy L. Kosinski
- Anthony R. Landini
- Peter M. Lettiere
- Heather M. Letts
- David S. Levy
- \* Iteacha A. Lewis
- \* Derrick M. Lilly
- Brian R. Little
- Shuntaunia C. Mahome
- Jason J. Malacina
- Melissa A. Martinez
- Tuanda McNeil
- \* Crystal Meier-Balousek
- \* Andrew T. Moffat
- Ceretta F. Morris
- Vance R. Newgard
- Jennifer North
- \* Rob Passarelli
- Angelina L. Pollard
- Jason C. Prince
- Margaret B. Pylko
- Daniel P. Rohan
- Kathleen A. Rosner
- \* Sarah P. Schubert
- \* Thomas L. Severson
- Michael E. Smith
- Brian C. Stanley
- Yonna D. Stephens
- Paul D. Stephenson
- Simone Stewart
- Cherise J. Stone
- D. Ann Stuckey
- \* Melissa Ann Suslowicz-Neste
- Deborah A. Tero
- Lauren F. Thomas
- Jason M. Van Swol
- Laura M. Wager
- Robert E. White

Timothy A. Wierenga  
 Michael A. Willis  
 Danny R. Young  
 LaRue R. Zanders

### Bachelor of Science

- Paul M. Azor
- Angela J. Cotton
- Katherine H. Doranski
- Melissa A. Dybala
- Nakia R. Gibson
- \* Julie L. Hasemann
- Marlena A. Jaskolski
- Rose D. Lynch
- \* Tiffany L. Manning
- Nicholas A. Marturano
- Pamila Nelson
- Nnamdi C. Otuwa
- \*\* Robert W. Reiner
- John M. Reynolds
- \* Jonathan J. Rindzius
- Neil J. Rogman
- \* Amanda Joy Rosenthal
- John C. Schlitt
- Brandy P. Smith
- Antawana C. Smothers
- Erica P. Ternig
- Shisheng Wang
- Janith A. Wazio
- \*\* William J. Welk

### Master of Arts

Shola Adewunmi  
 Maria M. Barksdale  
 Trent A. Bontrager  
 Benjamin Troy Butler  
 Karin A. Carlson  
 Patricia Carroll  
 Laura A. Casal  
 Dana Ann Corlett-Bryant  
 Sharon A. Cronk-Raby  
 Dwayne J.L. Crutchley  
 Denise L. Davis  
 Lisa A. Davis  
 Marie A. Dumas  
 Janeen L. Ebster  
 Dorita L. Fuller  
 Beverly A. Goncher  
 Alan Scott Hahn  
 LaTonya Holmes  
 Edward L.K. Hopkins  
 Marina D. Huizar  
 Ide U. Imogie  
 JoAnne L. Keltner  
 Jodi K. Koerner  
 Robert William Krause  
 Marcellus E. Lanfair  
 Jacqueline A. Lungwitz  
 David E. Madden  
 David S. Pearl  
 Nicole C. Perteete  
 Leo Ramirez  
 Laura Rissmiller-Dennis

Marnie A. Robinson  
 Mary T. Rossi  
 Kunda Naveen Sagar  
 Carl E. Sindermann  
 Camile P. Speeks  
 Tarra L. Taylor  
 Patricia A. Thompson  
 Stamatina Vasilakis  
 Yanli Wei  
 Cynthia D. White  
 Bural Wilkerson  
 Andrea Deneen Williams  
 Jamie E. Wood  
 Lauren T. Wright

### Master of Science

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 Mansoor Ahmed  
 Sameer Ahmed  
 Syed I. Ahmed  
 Srinivas Ajjarapu  
 Shilpa Akunuri  
 Mohammed Danish Ali  
 Bala Subrahman Yam Amirineni  
 Sreekanth R. Angumamidi  
 Mohammad A. Atieh  
 Syam Sundar Reddy Bandi  
 Beatriz Bayod  
 Nikit T. Bhatt  
 Preethi Bhoompalli  
 Karen L. Blaskie  
 Praneeth R. Byreddy  
 Timothy J. Cahan  
 Rajesh Kumar R. Chelamalla  
 Daniel Christopher  
 Shashidhar Reddy Depa  
 Pallavi Gambiraopet  
 Diane M. Gohde  
 Lisa A. Hilger  
 Sunil Kumar Kalva  
 Yeshwanth Reddy Katteggumula  
 Mallika Lakkam  
 Justin E. Lane  
 Badiuzzaman Mohammed  
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 Quizer Hussain Mohammed  
 Srikanth Narisetty Naga  
 Joy Otry  
 Ram Charan Pakanati  
 Sankalp Pande  
 James W. Plucinski  
 Murthy S. Puvvada  
 Chaitanya Prasada Rao Rangineni  
 Vilma L. Rivera-Carrero  
 Laxman R. Samala  
 Atchyuta Kumar Sanagavarapu  
 Sreenivasa R. Sanikommu  
 Mohd Qader Shareef  
 Swetha Reddy Sheelam  
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# College of Business and Public Administration

## Bachelor of Arts

Ryan F. Alberts  
Tanisha A. Banks  
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Sandra Y. Bogusevic  
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Aaron C. Buckley  
Nia S. Coleman  
Shirley A. Corbett  
Kevin J. Dakewicz  
Aldo N. DiZanni  
Amanda E. Dinges  
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Katherine A. Egan  
Boubker El Akkari  
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Cornilya L. Farrell  
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David Edward Gordon  
Elizabeth R. Green  
Robert J. Hacek  
Nicole L. Hardemon  
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Michael D. Harvey  
Lindsay A. Hill  
Neal M. Hunter  
Imoimion U. Imoukhuede  
Celia Kapost  
Aleksandra Karl  
\* Zain U. Khan  
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Jaclyn M. Leonchik  
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## Bachelor of Science

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Stephen L. Gorski  
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Suzanne M. Walrath  
Karen L. Wesley  
Rachel M. Wisniewski  
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Kevin F. Dallas  
Kerry Dean  
Shepale S. Douglas  
Erdem Esmer  
Stefanie Judd  
Kory D. Karge  
Faheem Arshad Khan  
Jonathon Marvin Kuyper  
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Martina M. Matthews  
William S. McClinton  
Brent J. Murray  
Sospeter M. Nyakeraka  
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Clayton A. Partak  
Rosebud M. Robinson  
Lucy Rurak  
Jeromy D. Sauls  
Latoshia T. Thomas

## Master of Public Administration

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## Master of Science

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Hai Chen  
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## College of Education

### Bachelor of Arts

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- \* Thomas S. Aguirre
- Elizabeth A. Allevi
- Sandra A. Allpow
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- Ruth Anne Ashley
- \*\* Katie L. Bachman
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- Randi Coley
- Kathleen L. Crnich
- Ebony M. Curl
- Mary L. Deans
- Dionne K. Douglas-Harper
- Stefanie L. Dralle
- Stacy Dunand
- \* Kristen Dykstra
- Joshua G. Elmer
- \* Samantha L. Evans
- \* Michael S. Ezell
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- \*\* Elizabeth Ann Quantrell
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- \*\* Sara Schranz
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- Jolanta E. Skutnik
- \* Tia Smith
- \* Ashley N. St. Peter
- \* Robert W. Strickland
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- Leah N. Thompson
- Jamie T. Turner
- \* Amber N. Van Hoveln
- Dawn S. Van Kuiken
- Jarquetta P. Versher
- Jennifer J. Warner
- \* Robert R. Wehofer
- Autumn D. Wendler
- \*\* Lindsey White
- Rachel L. Whitten
- Terrence P. Wright
- Lorraine L. Yodelis
- Michelle Young
- Tanya M. Zima
- Alison L. Zion

### Master of Arts

- Bradley S. Ablin
- Jason L. Acevedo
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- Marci A. Albee
- Elma C. Alcala
- Gina Marie Anaclerio
- Anne Elizabeth Anderson
- Carole D. Arana-Kuta
- Anthony R. Arellano
- Ann T. Banaszak
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- Kathy J. Barger
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- Robert J. Belzeski
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- Carmen Carde
- Megan V. Carik
- Bridget A. Carstensen
- Cristin S. Chiganos
- Soyini A. Chism
- Cynthia L. Comber
- James R. Coughlin
- David J. Crafton
- Angela D. Craig
- Courtney J. Crawley
- Karen A. Curran
- Robert T. Dasbach
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- Jamillah Davis
- Nathan B. Davis
- Patricia E. Davis
- Monica B. de Groh
- Alejandra DeLaPena
- Kimberly J. DeVries
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- Marlene G. Diaz
- Linda M. Dirks
- Keith K. Dombkowski
- Annamarie Dowling
- Terry L. Drake, Jr.
- Jacque A. Duginske
- Barbara Ann Dust
- Rebecca M. Eaton
- Kim R. Edwards
- Robin Edwards

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## College of Education

### Master of Arts (cont.)

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 Mary H. Fakhoury  
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 Matthew J. Flood  
 Kimanne Foraker-Koons  
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 Miguel Hernandez  
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 Bennie H. Horton  
 Moses Hulbert  
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 Kurt H. Jackson  
 Laura Jean Johler  
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 Mark D. Johnson  
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 Tomas Reyes  
 Ruth A. Riddle  
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 John M. Robinzine  
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 Raymundo Salgado  
 Luis Antonio Salto  
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 Rita L. Sanders  
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 Cassandra M. Santoyo  
 Andrea M. Schramm  
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 Shana R. Scott-Moody  
 Jacqueline Shahein  
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## College of Health Professions

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Mashaunda C. Brown  
Diane Carson  
Jennifer S. Dyke  
Leslie Jeudy  
Michelle Renee Jones  
\*\* Monika Krol  
Patricia M. Schultz  
Shauna Smithers  
Mechelle Wilbon

### Bachelor of Health Science

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\* Sayida Y. Baste  
Yamilca Cora  
\*\* Irene M. Costello  
\* Tara Todd Farris  
Sonia Ferrell  
\* Martha Figueroa  
Kimberly R. Gniady  
Tamorrow A. Griffith  
Katherine R. Haded  
Maha Y. Hasan  
\*\* Jennifer M. Hudler  
\*\* Sarah K. Lecauchois  
Barb A. Nemec  
Inna Revich  
Karen L. Steiskal  
Andrea L. Vasaitis

### Bachelor of Science

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Martha Miramontes

### Bachelor of Social Work

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Hope L. Jackson

### Master of Health Administration

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## *Student Speaker*

### **Maria M. Barksdale**

Maria M. Barksdale is a woman of purpose and commitment. She has long been dedicated to breaking the unrelenting cycle of poverty that continues to keep those in historically underrepresented and economically disadvantaged Hispanic communities from reaching their potential.

Her strong sense of purpose and community activism began after Barksdale had already achieved success in business. As vice president of entertainment for Lifestyle Enterprises, she developed and organized entertainment and promotional events for local and national multi-media corporations. While this career path was, on some levels, enjoyable and rewarding, Barksdale was not fulfilled.

Barksdale's sense of purpose and her wish to help others led her to participate in various ministries and community organizations aimed at elevating the lives of underprivileged families. She mentored teen girls through the Young Woman of Character program and served as a board member of His Image ministries where she promoted educational programs to women.

Most recently, Barksdale worked as a graduate assistant with Project SKIPP in the College of Health Professions at Governors State University. As part of the project, Barksdale helped facilitate community programs for both high-risk and economically disadvantaged African American and Hispanic families.

Besides the satisfaction earned from working to improve the lives of others, Barksdale has also been recognized for her achievements. She was awarded an academic scholarship from the Association of Latin American Students (ALAS), inducted into the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, inducted into the National Vocational-Technical Honor Society (NVTHS), and earned a Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts Degree with a minor in psychology from Governors State University. Today, she will receive her Master of Arts in Communication and Training with a 4.0 GPA.

Barksdale plans to use her degree to continue to help others. She hopes to work with high-risk youths to reduce the increasing disparities in access to higher education, health care, and economic empowerment.

To help celebrate her achievement today, her husband of 20 years and her two children join Barksdale. The family lives in Park Forest.

Barksdale is honored to be chosen as student commencement speaker as a voice for the traditionally underrepresented Hispanic population. She hopes her words and academic success at Governors State University will inspire others, especially her two children, to break through barriers to earn an education and pursue their dreams.

## *Academic Regalia*

During the commencement ceremony, students and faculty wear academic costumes indicating the wearers' degrees, colleges/universities, and fields of study.

### *The Cap*

The black mortarboard type is the most common cap worn. Degree candidates wear cap tassels that are black and white, the university colors. Colors worn by the faculty vary according to their fields of study.

### *The Gown*

Gowns are of three kinds. The bachelor's gown is relatively simple, with lines falling straight from a fairly elaborate yoke. Its distinguishing characteristic is the long pointed sleeve. Braided silken cords are worn by students who have achieved special scholastic recognition: gold signifies high honors; white, honors. The master's gown has sleeves, with a back end extending down below the knee in a crescent shape. The doctor's gown is an elaborate costume, with velvet panels down the front and around the neck, with three velvet bars on the bell-shaped sleeves.

### *The Hood*

The official colors of the college or university from which a degree is conferred are represented in the lining of the hood. For each field of study, there is a corresponding trim color. The trim colors for master's hoods are as follows:

Accounting.....	Drab
Addictions Studies .....	Salmon Pink
Analytical Chemistry .....	Golden Yellow
Art.....	Brown
Business Administration .....	Drab
Communication Disorders .....	Salmon Pink
Communications and Training .....	White
Computer Science .....	Golden Yellow
Counseling .....	Light Blue
Early Childhood Education.....	Light Blue
Education .....	Light Blue
Educational Administration .....	Light Blue
English .....	White
Environmental Biology .....	Golden Yellow
Health Administration.....	Salmon Pink
Instructional and Training Technology .....	White
Management Information Systems .....	Golden Yellow
Multicategorical Special Education .....	Light Blue
Nursing .....	Apricot
Occupational Therapy .....	Slate Blue
Physical Therapy .....	Teal
Political Studies.....	White
Political and Justice Studies .....	White
Psychology .....	Light Blue
Public Administration .....	Peacock Blue
Social Work .....	Citric
Sociology.....	White



## **COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS**

### **University Grand Marshal**

Gary Lyon, Assistant Professor of Science, College of Arts and Sciences

### **Coordinator of Marshals**

Robert Donaldson, Professor of Public Administration  
College of Business and Public Administration

### **College of Arts and Sciences**

Rashidah Muhammad, Professor of English and Secondary Education  
Beth Parin, Assistant Professor of Digital Imaging and Photography  
Todd Rohman, Associate Professor of English and Composition  
Yun-Yau (Steve) Shih, Professor of Computer Science

### **College of Business and Public Administration**

Dalsang Chung, Assistant Professor of Management Information Systems  
Susan Gaffney, Assistant Professor of Public Administration

### **College of Education**

Sandra Gandy, Instructor of Education

### **College of Health Professions**

Kyusuk Chung, Associate Professor of Health Administration  
Arthur Durant, Department Chair of Addictions Studies & Behavioral Health  
Rupert Evans, Assistant Professor of Health Administration

### **University College**

Gary Fisk, Coordinator, Center for Online Teaching and Learning  
Michele McMaster, Director of School of Interdisciplinary Learning

## *The Mace*



The governor's mace, carried by the marshal who leads the academic procession, is a symbol of the authority of the university as a degree-granting institution. The legal authority of the university is grounded in the intellectual authority of the distinguished faculty who follow in the procession.

In antiquity, the mace was a weapon used to establish the "authority" of the physically strong. Its transformation into a symbol of intellectual authority is both a tribute to and a reminder of the civilizing force of a university's teaching, research, and community service functions.

Engraved on the four side-panels of the governor's mace are (1) the seal of the state of Illinois; (2) a cardinal, the state bird; (3) the seal of the former Illinois Board of Governors Universities; and (4) an inscription which reads "The governor's mace, a symbol of tradition and authority of Governors State University, dedicated to the search for excellence in the pursuit of truth, knowledge, and the love of learning. Presented by Peter Levin, friend of the university, June 2, 1979."

Atop the mace is a silver rendition of the university logo. The three sides of the "triangle" symbolize the university's teaching, research, and community service functions. The three lines visually suggest the shape of a rocket, reminding us both that the university was founded within days of Neil Armstrong setting foot on the moon and that the university is a hope-filled, pioneering community, committed to a better future for all men and women. The circle symbolizes the fact that the university is, indeed, a community. Finally, the fact that the tips of the triangle reach beyond the circle indicates the university's outreach into the region, state, and nation and its commitment to teaching, research, and community service.